

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 103

Introduced by Senator Cedillo

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 103—Relative to Cinco de Mayo Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 103, as amended, Cedillo. Cinco de Mayo Week.

This measure would proclaim May 2 through May 8, 2010, as Cinco de Mayo Week, and would urge all Californians to join in celebrating Cinco de Mayo.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo, or the 5th of May, is memorialized
- 2 as a significant date in the history of California and Mexico in

1 recognition of the courage of the Mexican people, who defeated
2 a better trained and equipped army at the “Batalla de Puebla”; and

3 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo serves to remind us that the
4 foundation of any nation and our state is in its people, in their spirit
5 and courage in the face of adversity, in the strength of their drive
6 to achieve self-determination, and in their willingness to sacrifice
7 even life itself in the pursuit of freedom and liberty; and

8 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo offers an opportunity to reflect on
9 the courage and achievements not only of the Mexican forces at
10 Puebla, but also on the courage and achievements of Latinos here
11 in California; and

12 WHEREAS, Achievements by Latinos in America and
13 California include contributions to all facets of our community;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Latino voters continue to go to the polls in record
16 numbers and influence the entrance of newly elected Latino public
17 officials in both the Democratic and Republican parties and issues
18 ranging from affordable housing, investing in our children, ensuring
19 that higher education is affordable and accessible, creating good
20 paying jobs for working families, and improving the overall quality
21 of life for all Californians; and

22 WHEREAS, California’s Latinos have contributed to our culture
23 and society through their many achievements in music, food, dance,
24 poetry, literature, architecture, entertainment, sports, and across a
25 broad spectrum of artistic expression; and

26 WHEREAS, In 2001, the Latino Caucus saw a need to recognize
27 and honor distinguished Latinos for their contributions and
28 dedication to California and the United States’ economy and
29 cultural life with the annual Latino Spirit Awards. These recipients
30 are outstanding individuals who have greatly contributed to the
31 wonderful music, poetry, literature, journalism, and entertainment
32 of California, the United States, and the world; and

33 WHEREAS, Latinos in California have challenged the frontiers
34 of social and economic justice, thereby improving the working
35 conditions and lives of countless Californians; and

36 WHEREAS, Latino entrepreneurs in the United States are the
37 fastest growing group of business owners in our economy; now,
38 therefore, be it

39 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
40 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature urges all Californians to

1 join in celebrating Cinco de Mayo, the historic day to honor the
2 valiant spirit of the brave Mexicanos who defended the town of
3 Puebla against the French invaders, to honor the Mexican
4 Americans of today who have fought, died, and lived to protect
5 the freedom of the United States; and be it further

6 *Resolved*, That the Legislature declares May 2 through May 8,
7 2010, as Cinco de Mayo Week; and be it further

8 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
9 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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